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District Man Sentenced For Sexually Assaulting Cognitively Disabled Client at Workplace

WASHINGTON - James Brewster, 56, of Washington, D.C., has been sentenced to five years of probation for an incident in which he assaulted a cognitively disabled client at a day program where he worked as a maintenance employee, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. and District of Columbia Inspector General Charles J. Willoughby announced.

Brewster pled guilty in July 2010 in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia to a charge of attempted first degree sexual abuse of a ward. He was sentenced on January 25, 2011 by the Honorable Judge Michael L. Rankin.

The probation is to be supervised by the Sexual Offender Treatment Unit. Brewster will be required to undergo sexual offender evaluation and treatment if appropriate, as well as drug testing. He also must maintain verifiable employment, limit any contact with vulnerable adults, and stay away from the victim and the day program that she attends. He must pay \$200 to the Victims of Violent Crime Compensation Act fund. In addition, Brewster is required to register as a sexual offender for a period of 10 years.

According to the government's evidence, Brewster was a maintenance worker at a day program in Southeast Washington. The program served the victim and other adults who have cognitive disabilities. In June 2009, Brewster made the victim perform sexual acts in a women's rest room and prevented her from leaving by holding the door closed. The victim reported the assault to a staff member the next day.

In announcing the conviction and sentence, U.S. Attorney Machen and Inspector General Willoughby praised the work of Criminal Investigator Shante McGee of the Office of the Inspector General Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) for her investigation of the matter, and Susan Bieber Kennedy, Special Assistant U.S. Attorney and Director of the MFCU, who directed the investigation. They commended Assistant United States Attorney Sarah McClellan, who investigated and prosecuted the case.

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